

## GERSHOM (CONTINUED) OR THE STORY OF THE NEGRO.

By Lucian B. Watkins.

The space of human life indeed is great,  
And reaches from the lowest of the low  
Unto the summit of the highest high,  
"With God a thousand years is but a day."  
Our mimic years are but a ripple placed  
Upon the ocean of the ages past.  
We've known the bitter bondage of the depth,  
Antipodes of first exalted height,  
Needs must climb to sunny heights again,  
And there regain relinquished thrones of old.  
We shall not weep now o'er the bondage  
Nor hover o'er the echoes of the years  
That roll into the distance far away  
Our groans of pain; for since it is that God  
Has raised us from the dust of servitude,  
A faith is born to bear us conquerors  
Through obstacles of intervening Alps.  
The shadows for our bricks be limited  
In many gleaned fields of large desires,  
Yet every struggle makes a larger strength  
And now  
To overcome a larger task.  
This unto Him who brought us safely  
To this day of present hope, we do commend  
The spirit blossoms of our teeming souls  
That loometh to the light of heav'n above.

(The End.)

## Echoes From the Virginia Baptist State Convention.

The Virginia Baptist State Convention closed its session in Suffolk last Sunday night. This convention was organized 43 years ago by such men as Revs. John Jasper, James H. Holmes, Richard Wells, S. W. Madden, Fields Cook, William Troy and others of the Fathers who came over from the days of slavery. The convention has made a grand history and accomplished a great deal for the cause of Christianity.

At the recent session Dr. R. H. Bowling and all the old officers were re-elected, except Rev. R. C. Wood, who was elected in the place of E. A. Edwards as corresponding secretary. The convention was largely attended. Eleven new churches were received. The convention felt highly lifted up over the reception of the great Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., in its membership. Dr. J. B. Brooks was present and made some telling addresses in the interest of the race and the Baptist cause. Dr. W. W. Gaines and Rev. J. T. Wilson, B. Th. took care of the delegation in royal style. They deserve great credit. Dr. W. R. Brown of Roanoke, made a most telling and effective response to the welcome addresses. President R. H. Bowling was at his best in the delivery of his annual address. Strong addresses were made on set subjects by Drs. W. H. Brooks, E. Tartt, W. B. Calhoun and Dr. William Beckham. The convention put itself on record as a staunch friend to Dr. R. H. Boyd and the Publishing House.

The annual sermon was preached by M. W. D. Norman, D. D., of Washington, D. C. It was one of the ablest sermons ever preached before the convention. The missionary sermon was preached by W. T. Anthony, D. D., of Richmond. He swayed his audience at will and made an impression that will be long remembered. The educational sermon was preached by W. A. Taylor, B. Th., of Newport News. So grand was this sermon that Dr. G. B. Howard moved its publication and distribution in pamphlet form. W. T. Hall, D. D., delivered a masterly address on "Loyalty to Leaders." Drs. J. G. Brown, of New York, Granville Hunt, of New York, J. Anderson Taylor, W. Bishop Johnson, A. Wilbanks and Drs. Cartwright and Dance of North Carolina, all made strong speeches and stirred the souls of the brethren. The convention put itself on record by standing vote in endorsing Dr. J. R. L. Digs and the work in Lynchburg. Dr. Digs is in the hearts of the brethren and his strong, powerful address tied the convention to him. Dr. W. H. Moses made an address full of information and stirring eloquence. The preachers of Richmond, Drs. W. T. Anthony, D. Webster Davis, R. Spiller, Leroy Frayser, M. H. Payne, E. D. Lewis, B. D., and Dr. W. F. Graham, gave a warm invitation to the convention to meet next year in Richmond with the Fifth Street Baptist Church. Therefore, the world may expect a great time next year in the forty-fourth annual session of this great body. The battle

cry will be \$10,000.00 and the Baptists are going to raise it. The convention this year raised during the year for education and missions nearly \$7,000.00. They carried to Suffolk \$2,300.00 in cash. They did not raise as much as they desired to, but are determined to make up for it in the next annual gathering. Richmond will feel proud of the coming of these great men. Dr. William Beckham, field secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention had things his own way at the convention and spoke as few men can to the large crowd that heard him.

Memorial services were held in memory of Drs. George W. Lee, William Thornton, R. H. Porter, J. M. Powell, William Dixon and Revs. S. Tucker, Thomas Hill and J. L. McAden. Drs. W. B. Johnson, T. H. Shortis, W. F. Graham, L. W. Metz, C. E. Jones, H. Powell, R. H. Bowling and R. C. Woods, delivered the eulogies.

—REPORTER.

## Services at Zion Baptist Church.

Zion Baptist Church, South Richmond, Rev. W. T. Anthony, D. D., pastor, had a delightful day last Sunday. At 11 A. M. Rev. J. C. Brown, D. D., of Flushing, N. Y., preached for us. Subject, "Religion Pays," also at 8:30 P. M. Subject, "Spiritual Loansomeness." Our brother, "washed his hands in the clouds and kissed the mountains. We all rejoiced and wish our brother great success. He is also a great friend of ours.

We have just returned from the Virginia State Convention at Suffolk, Va., where we had a delightful time, and also preached the missionary sermon. We returned much encouraged to go forward the coming year to do all we can, and prepare for the great meeting in Richmond, in May, 1911.

## Undertaker Johnson Injured.

Mr. William Isaac Johnson, the well-known funeral director, had a narrow escape from death last Saturday at about 10:45 A. M. He was driving up Leigh Street having a white insurance agent in his buggy, when he came to First Street. The heavy Lakeside electric car came by, no bell being rung and it struck the buggy about the centre, throwing the occupants on the fender of the car, thus saving their lives.

The buggy was a complete wreck and the occupants were not known to be injured. Later, Mr. Johnson has experienced severe pains in the body and has been incapacitated therefrom, but hopes to be all right in a few days. The horse was not seriously injured.

## A Colored Man's Invention.

Mr. Micajah Harris of Ivy Depot, Va., colored, has secured a patent for a turf-cutter. It resembles a shovel with high, sharp sides and it has a hinged foot-piece, which comes down in front and chops out the section of turf which the shovel digs loose. The shovel is thrust under the sod until it can go no further. Then the knife is jammed down and the whole with-drawn with a neat piece of sod. The operation consumes only a fraction of the time required to dig out a piece of turf by the old method and has the additional merit of bringing the sod out whole and with smooth sides and not in the ragged shape that it is sometimes cut in the middle of the handle of this tool is a catch to engage the knife section and hold it out of the way when it is not needed to cut the sod loose.

## Portchester Notes.

A large number of K. of P. from the surrounding cities was present at the organization of Welmore Lodge, No. 14, the first K. of P. lodge in this city. The lodge numbers forty-four members. Sirs J. J. Booker of Damon Lodge, No. 12, Newport News, Va., and S. B. Pettis, Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 40, assisted in the initiation.

St. Francis A. M. Church was well attended at the Sunday services.

A large gathering was out to hear the minister from New York City. He was assisted by Rev. Crews.

Washington and Lincoln Booklet-Poems, Gems for American homes; in national colors and designs. Agents wanted. 15 cents each; one of each, 30 cents. Address LUCIAN B. WATKINS, Ft. Russell, Wyo.

## Paper by Prof. Frank Boaz, of Columbia University, Before the National Negro Conference.

The first question to be answered by scientific investigation is in how far the Negro type may be considered the inferior, the White type as the superior.

When we consider inferiority and superiority from a general biological point of view, it must be interpreted as meaning that one type is nearer to certain ancestral forms than another. In this sense, the anthropologist must say that in certain respects the Negro resembles the hypothetical ancestral forms of man more than does the European; while in other respects the European shows greater similarity to the supposed ancestral form. Among the Negro race it is particularly the form of the face that reminds of the ancestral forms of man, while in regard to the proportions of the body, and particularly the length of the limbs, the Negro is more remote from ancestral forms than is the European.

On the whole, the morphological characteristics of the two races show rather a specialized development in different directions than a higher development in the one race as compared to the other.

The objection will be raised that the low stage of culture of the African race in many parts of America, as well as in Africa, shows clearly a lack of mental power, because otherwise the Negro race might have developed a civilization similar to that of Europe. In answer to this objection we must remember that, on the whole, our conception of African conditions is based altogether too much upon the condition of the uneducated descendant of the American Negro slave. Any one who is familiar with ethnological facts will recognize that the conditions under which the American slave population developed is apt to destroy what little culture may have existed. The complete break with the African past; the imposition of labor, in the results of which the slave had no direct interest; the difficulty of assimilating the elements of civilization by which they were surrounded, all tended equally to reduce to a minimum the amount of independent cultural achievement of the group.

I think it is not saying too much if I state that among the primitive people of the world the natives of Central Africa are by far the most advanced, and that the type of their civilization belongs to the same level of culture which was found a few thousand years ago over the western part of the old world, including Europe and western Asia. If the Africans have not shared in the development, which, after many vicissitudes, gradually extended from Egypt and Babylonia over the Mediterranean area, and from there later into northern Europe. This is due to the fact that Africa occupied a much more remote position in relation to these countries, and that the current of civilization was carried with much greater difficulty through the virgin forests and deserts of Africa than along the shores of the Mediterranean and across the forests and meadow-lands of Europe.

Thus it may safely be said that there is no anthropological evidence showing inferiority of the Negro race as compared with the White race, although we may assume that differences in mental characteristics of the two races exist.

## MUNDIN—KERSEY.

The marriage of Miss Alice H. Kersey, of Richmond, Va., to Dr. R. O. Mundin, of Louisiana, Va., will take place at the residence of the bride, 100 West Leigh Street, Saturday, June 4, 1910, at 12 o'clock.

Friends are invited. No cards.

## The Only Colored Photographer Gone.

George O. Brown, the only colored photographer, who is the proprietor of the only colored photograph gallery in this city, died at his residence, 318 West Leigh Street, at 5 P. M. last Tuesday after a prolonged illness. His funeral took place last Thursday at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He was one of the best photographic printers in the state.

## Whereabouts of Mr. Martin.

Kindly let me know what you can of a party by the name of Armistead A. Martin. I think he has some relatives in Richmond and his mother resides in New London, Conn.

He disappeared from home very mysteriously April 13, 1910.

If you can furnish any information of his whereabouts or his relatives, please communicate with his wife, MRS. A. A. MARTIN, 727 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

## VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

Closing of This Great Institution, President Hovey Presides—Fine Exercises—Large Crowd Present.

The eleventh annual commencement of the Virginia Union University, which took place last Wednesday evening 8:15 o'clock at Coburn Hall, University Grounds, was a decided success. The spacious structure was filled to overflowing by an appreciative audience.

Pres. George Rice Hovey, whose superb management has been the subject of so much favorable comment, presided. He was surrounded by his faculty and by prominent colored men from all over the country. He was a classic figure attired in his black gown, student's cap, from which extended in striking contrast to those worn by others a magnificent golden tassel.

The exercises were highly creditable and the subject matter was deep and instructive. Scholars were delighted and at times the public mystified. The order of exercises was as follows:

MUSIC. Orchestra. Invocation. MUSIC. Overture—"Light Cavalry" Orchestra. ADDRESSES.

Deeds, Not Words. Simeon Saunders Booker. The Function of Imagination in Life and Letters. Clifford Cornelius Robertson. MUSIC.

"Loveland Waltzes" Orchestra. ADDRESSES.

The Call of the Modern Pulpit. Joseph Caldwell Nicholas. What Our Race Owe to England. Samuel Lawrence McDowell. MUSIC.

Violin Duet—"Slumber Song"—Julius Caesar Judkins and Harper S. Fortune. ADDRESSES.

Advance in Education the Means of a Nation's Progress. John Downing Williams. Our Place in Literature. William James Mundy. Vision an Incentive to Action. Robert Jackson Langston. MUSIC.

"The Holy City" Orchestra. Address to Graduating Classes. Presentation of Diplomas. Conferring of Degrees.

Announcements Hymn Benediction. CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Simeon Saunders Booker, Danville. Robert Jackson Langston, Charlottesville. William James Mundy, Charlottesville. Clifford Cornelius Robertson, Hampton.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE. John Downing Williams, Manassas.

CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF DIVINITY. Joseph Caldwell Nicholas, New Orleans, La.

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY. William Harris, Newcomb, Tenn. Samuel Lawrence McDowell, Windsor, Ont.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The Y. M. C. A. Conference was well attended last Friday evening. An excellent literary program was rendered by the members. The President's address was crowded with much good advice. The critic was a live member. He used his pencil well. The fellows are delighted with this school of opportunity.

The city home work last Sunday was good and all the inmates were happy. Committeeman George R. Burrell conducted the meetings.

The jail committee reaped a great harvest for the Lord in the city jail last Sunday. Ten prisoners were led to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Do not get weary men.

One of the best meetings in the history of our work was held for the boys last Sunday. Secretary Bernard L. Allen of the Boys' Work conducted the meeting. Keep the boys in mind and the man will be all right.

Rev. Paul Pollard one of our own men delivered an address to the men last Sunday that will not be forgotten very soon. Subject, "How to Win." The Reverend reached every heart present. We were happy to have him and to know that he has done a good work in his field of labor. He is teaching and preaching. We wish him continued success. Mr. Jacob M. Daly one of our boys sang from his soul and much was added to the meeting.

Men be on time Sunday ready for hard work and the other man.

A special program will be rendered by the boys of our work Sunday 4 P. M. at the Y. M. C. A. building.

Prof. J. W. Barco of the Virginia Union University, will address the

men Sunday 3:30 P. M. at the True Reformers' Hall. Subject, "Things That Have Lost Their Taste." This meeting will be for only men. By request West and Kemp's Orchestra will render special selections. Be a committee for this meeting.

A great tag meeting for men only Sunday May 29, 3:30 P. M. at the True Reformers' Hall. Dr. D. Webster Davis will deliver a special address. Subject, "The Withered Hand." A special quartette will sing. Men do not be afraid to wear a tag for this meeting. Get one and keep it. Speak to the other man about this meeting.

Everybody is invited to the Nineteenth Closing Exercises of the Y. M. C. A. Night school Thursday, May 26, 8 P. M. sharp at the Sharon Baptist Church. A special program by the students. Dr. J. B. Simpson of the Virginia Union University will deliver the address. The choir of the church will sing. Prof. T. H. Hopkins, leader. Free for women and men. Tell your neighbor.

Do not stop praying for the Y. M. C. A.

## CRITCHLOW AGAIN GETS INTO TROUBLE

Former Dayton Man and Convict is Denounced as Faker by Virginia Authorities.

According to information which reached here Tuesday from Richmond, Va., Walter G. Critchlow former president of the International Labor Union, of which he was the founder and to which colored people chiefly belong, and who, about a year ago completed a term in the Ohio penitentiary, having been convicted on the charge of using the mails to promote a fraudulent scheme, has been denounced as a faker in that city.

Colonel Joseph Button, of the Virginia Insurance department, has set about to frustrate the efforts of Critchlow, who has been again inserting advertisements in certain negro papers of the state asking for agents.

Critchlow was stopped by the department last Winter after he had swindled many negroes in several cities of Virginia, he said.

The insurance commissioners of Ohio wrote the department in Virginia, denouncing Critchlow as a "bold faker." As a result of this communication, Colonel Button has made the statement that Critchlow is a swindler and declared that his concern had no right to do business in that state. He also warned agents to have nothing to do with Critchlow, and that they would thus stay out of the hands of the law.

It will be recalled that Critchlow was apprehended about 18 months ago and convicted of using the mails fraudulently. He was sentenced by the late Judge Thompson, of the United States Court, at Cincinnati, after one of the severest arraignments that had ever been administered any one convicted in his court.

During his incarceration Critchlow repudiated his wife, refusing to allow her to visit him, and after his release married his former foe, again resumed his former tactics, tendering quite an elaborate banquet to the members of the International Labor Union and other employees. Subsequently he left Dayton and nothing had been heard of him until his present escapade in Virginia.—Dayton Journal, May 11, 1910.

## PERSONALS AND BRIEFS.

Mr. Benjamin Jackson visited Alexandria last week.

Mr. Lee T. Hudson, of 1208 St. Paul Street, is seriously ill.

Mrs. William H. Isham is spending the Summer in New York City. She is much improved.

Rev. Dr. William J. Howard, of Washington, D. C., called on us this week.

Mr. I. J. Miller, the clothier, left the city last Tuesday for South Carolina. He will return Saturday.

Mr. S. W. Marks who conducts a saw-mill at Chilesburg, Va., was in the city last week on business.

Rev. J. C. Brown, D. D., pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, of Flushing, N. Y., was in the city this week.

Madame Carrie Bland Sheler, Boston's sweetest soprano soloist, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary F. Clarke, 522 North Second Street.

Dr. Thomas H. White, of Clifton Forge, called in on his return from the Virginia Baptist State Convention and reported his church work as being in a fine condition. He looks the picture of health.

## 5TH ST. BAPT. CHURCH.

Located, Cor. 5th and Jackson Sts., RICHMOND, VA.

## Weekly News Column.

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The Fifth Street Baptist Church is nearing its Thirtieth Anniversary; it will take place the first Sunday in June, 1910, only about two weeks off. Exercises will be held at the church every night during that week. We hope the public who is hereby invited will attend these services. Pastors from the different churches will preach on this occasion. The program is being prepared and will be circulated in a few days. The following clubs and committees are working hard to make this anniversary exceed all others. At the same time our Pastor, Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham will celebrate his Thirtieth Anniversary as a minister of the Gospel.

Clubs of Fifth Street Baptist Church—Macedonia Club, Pres. Sister Callie D. Brown; Free Will Workers Club, Pres. Sister Josie A. Graham; Deacons' Club, Pres. Dea. B. H. Peyton; Ushers' Club, Pres. Bro. John R. Holmes; Rally Club, Pres. Sister Mary Page; Valley Club, Pres. Sister Mary Hamm; East End Club, Pres. Sister Alice Johnson; Volunteer Club, Pres. Sister Alice Robinson.

Committee on Entertainment—Sisters Jennie Cheatham, Callie D. Brown, Mary E. Page, J. A. Moss, Martha Seay, Rosa Robinson, Martha Thomas, Georgia Williams, Parthenia Mason, Mary Hamm, Mildred Matthews, Lillie Hardy, Blanche Bullock, Ella Hill, Sophia Nicholson, Sarah E. Cook, Julia Austin, Robert Winston, E. T. Coleman, Walter Moss, Eliza Hill, Annie Coleman, Ethel Corzart, Bell Ross, Bro. Wise Ellis, Jas. B. Page.

Committee on Decoration—Alice Epps, Jane Johnson, Martha Anderson, Emma Williams, Georgian Bird, Powhatan Baker, Maurice Epps, Ida Booker, Ann Jones, Henrietta Branch, Mary Wright, John Cephas, Virginia Henderson, Hester Christian, John Fenner, Virginia Johnson, Emanuel Carter.

Committee on Correspondence—J. H. Chiles, N. G. Booker, Wm. H. M. Lucas, Joseph Robinson, F. E. Mangum, James Scott, John W. Howard, George Lee, R. H. Fauntleroy, Samuel Brown, Rosa Jackson, B. H. Peyton, John Harris, Sister Nellie Hearn, W. W. Page, Hallie Weaver.

Committee on Publication—J. Henry Crutchfield, John O. Cooke, J. A. Chiles, Jos. Lightfoot Alberta Walker.

Let every member of the church do his duty on this occasion and comply with the request of the church.

On last Sunday the church enjoyed the company of the Rev. Dr. Alex. Gordon, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, who preached for them two excellent sermons: At 11:30 o'clock services, his text was Joshua 24:22. Subject, "Christian Solemnity Mindful of Their Obligation to God." The Doctor masterly explored this subject as well as the inspiring contents incidental thereto with great effect upon the congregation, who were well pleased with his discourse. At night he made equally as deep an impression. In company with our Pastor, Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham, who invited him to preach, the Doctor was in the city en route home from the Virginia Baptist State Convention which met in Suffolk, Va. Our Pastor gave a pleasing account of the working of the convention and the lively interest manifested by the brethren. The convention adjourned to meet in the city of Richmond, Va., at our Fifth Street Baptist Church next year. This news was received with expression of great joy. Brethren we bid you welcome.

At 3:30 o'clock Theban Beneficial Club assembled at Fifth Street Baptist Church and held its annual anniversary exercises. The following program was well rendered:

PART I. Choir. Invocation, Rev. Dr. Alex. Gordon. Scripture Reading, Chap. L. V. Eggleston. Solo, Miss Cora B. Epps. Welcome Address, Mr. R. H. Fauntleroy. Response, Pres. J. O. West. Quartette, (Harmony) Matthews, Gilpin, Smith and Hill. Prov. 20:29. Sermon, Dr. W. F. Graham. Collection, E. L. Banks, F. B. Miller.

PART II. Solo, Dr. Q. W. Moon. Recitation, Miss Alice E. Smith. Quartette, (Coronella) Misses Epps, Nelson, Phillips and West Solo, Mr. Frank J. Mayo. Benediction. William W. Wilson, Master of Ceremonies. Ushers—Misses Bertha E. Thompson, Alberta Hughes, Susie A. Monroe, Cynthia Edmonson, Mewlames L. O. Bland, Juanita Norrell Peterson.

Epps, Nelson, Phillips and West Solo, Mr. Frank J. Mayo. Benediction.

William W. Wilson, Master of Ceremonies.

Ushers—Misses Bertha E. Thompson, Alberta Hughes, Susie A. Monroe, Cynthia Edmonson, Mewlames L. O. Bland, Juanita Norrell Peterson.

While the entire exercises were well, special mention should be made of the solo by Miss Cora B. Epps; solo by Dr. Q. W. Moon; recitation of Miss Alice E. Smith and Quartette (Coronella) Misses Epps, Nelson, Phillips and West. The sermon by Rev. Dr. W. F. Graham, "Strong Young Men, Need of the Hour." The Doctor preached an extraordinary fine sermon. After taking up the name of the organization and showing the nobility of the people from whom it sprung, he dwelt largely upon the need of strong young men in this day to bring about the desired ends of civilization, and gave many lessons the practicing of which will be a blessing to all.

(At 9:30 P. M. Prof. B. H. Peyton opened Sunday School. The attendance was large. Services in this department are always interesting when the little children are attentive and cheerful as they were last Sunday morning.)

We are sorry to learn that Bro. R. W. Coleman of the Union University, who has been teaching in our Sunday School, is to leave for Portland, Maine. He has the best wishes of the school for his success.

Bro. Brown, M. D. of Baltimore, delivered a nice address to the school, giving good advice. Rev. Dr. Alex. Gordon, pastor of Monumental Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., also made a few encouraging remarks to the school. Don't fail to help our Sunday School scholars when they come to you; they are trying to help the church in its anniversary.—E. W.)

Come out to the B. Y. P. U. Friday night. Pres. John W. Howard wants to see every member. Be on time 8:30 o'clock.

Don't forget the prayer services Wednesday night. Be on time at 8:30 o'clock. These meetings are strengthening to you.

Sunday evening at 3:30 o'clock will be our communion. This is the last communion before our Thirtieth Anniversary. Let every member come out at this communion and partake of the Lord's supper. Pastor will preach next Sunday morning and night.

## FIVE MURDERERS GET FURTHER TIME

Not One of Condemned Negroes Will Die in Electric Chair To-day.

Having been unable to go carefully all through the mass of evidence relating to the cases of the men condemned to death by electrocution, Governor Mann yesterday granted further respites to Calvin Johnson, Eugene Dorsey, Richard Pines, Henry Smith and Thomas Noel. This means that no one will die in the electric chair at the State Penitentiary today.

Smith's sentence was reprieved to June 2, while the other four are slated to die on June 10.

Samuel Hardy and Angelo Hamilton are to be electrocuted next Friday, while the date for the execution of "Shorty" Jones had been previously postponed to June 3.

## MANY REPRIEVES.

The four Alexandria negroes have now been in the penitentiary for months. Respites began in the cases of Johnson, Dorsey and Pines last autumn. In fact, it is stated that the new date fixed for Johnson's execution—June 10—will be the anniversary of his conviction of the murder of Walter Schultz. Governor Swanson granted several delays, first to get the case before the Supreme Court and later to await the trial of Henry Smith, the fourth man, who had testified against the other negroes.

The effort in behalf of Noel is recent. He was shot while trying to escape from the Norfolk County Jail, a first reprieve being given him to allow him to recover from his wounds before being brought to the penitentiary. Guesses have been made from time to time that not one of the entire bunch of convicts would go to their death, excepting, perhaps Noel. But the Governor has not reached a decision in any instance. Perhaps there is more reason to think that "Shorty" Jones, of Pulaski, will secure a commutation than is the case with any of the others.—Times-Dispatch, May 13, 1910.